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Decision of the Board on the appointment of the Global Facilitator for the first formal replenishment process of the GCF

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Decision approved between meetings

I. Introduction

1. In its decision B.21/18, the Board decided to launch the process for the first formal replenishment of the GCF and requested the Co-Chairs of the Board to consult Board members and alternate Board members regarding proposals to appoint a Global Facilitator to oversee the replenishment process. The Board also requested the Secretariat to begin making arrangements to facilitate the replenishment process.

2. Pursuant to decision B.21/18, an Initial Organizational Meeting (IOM) was held on 22-23 November 2018 in Bonn, Germany to set the foundations for an ambitious and successful first formal replenishment of the GCF. The meeting was attended by potential contributors from 25 developed and developing countries along with observers.

3. In the IOM, there was general agreement on Mr. Johannes Linn as Global Facilitator and Mr. Donald Kaberuka as Global Champion, but additional analysis and consultations were recommended due to the arrival of a late batch of candidates and the need for further consultations with Mr. Linn and Mr. Kaberuka. It was recommended that, in reviewing candidates, due weight be given to those who, in addition to excellent political and financial skills, understood the context of GCF, namely the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement. Also, the availability to start the position as early as possible was considered a key point in deciding on the candidate. The terms of reference for the Global Facilitator agreed by participants in the IOM is presented in annex II to this document.

II. The process

4. After the discussions at the IOM, the Secretariat approached the late batch of four candidates for further consultations on their availability and interests. After analysis of the skills, experience in replenishment and availability of the candidates, the Secretariat recommended that Mr. Linn would be the best candidate to become the Global Facilitator.

5. Following the above recommendation, the Co-Chairs of the Board consulted Board members and alternate Board members on this proposal. The Co-Chairs reported back to the Secretariat that there were no objections to Mr. Linn becoming the Global Facilitator.

III. Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the Board adopt the draft decision presented in annex I to this document, and instruct the Secretariat to enter into a contract with Mr. Linn for the position of Global Facilitator for the first formal replenishment process of the GCF by adopting the draft decision presented in annex I to this document.

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The Board, having considered document B.BM-2019/07 titled “Appointment of the Global Facilitator for the first formal replenishment process of the GCF”:

- (a) *Takes note* of the outcome of the Initial Organizational Meeting regarding the appointment of a Global Facilitator for the first formal replenishment process of the GCF;
- (b) *Also takes note* of the consultations by the Co-Chairs in accordance with decision B.21/18, paragraph (o); and
- (c) *Instructs* the Secretariat to enter into a contract with Mr. Johannes Linn for the position of Global Facilitator for the first formal replenishment process of the GCF.

Annex II: Terms of reference¹

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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| Position | Global Facilitator, GCF First Formal Replenishment Process (“Facilitator”) |
| Source | International |
| <p>Objective and purpose of the assignment</p> <p>The Facilitator will oversee the GCF’s first formal replenishment process, involving two or more consultation meetings and a high-level pledging conference, in line with the process agreed under Board Decision B.21/18. The expected length of engagement is from February to November 2019 when the GCF aims to conclude the replenishment process, covering approximately 50 working days.</p> <p>Reporting Line</p> <p>The Facilitator will report to the Executive Director, and also work closely with the Co-Chairs and Board representatives to the replenishment process as needed and appropriate.</p> <p>Detailed tasks and/or expected output</p> <p>The Facilitator, with support from the Secretariat, will be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Attend and act as chairperson of the replenishment meetings. This will include preparing for meetings and issuing chairperson summaries, with drafting support from Secretariat staff, which reflect meeting discussions and/or decisions; (b) Report the progress of the replenishment progress at Board meetings and any other conferences/meetings as needed; (c) Conduct bilateral communication with prospective GCF contributors, as needed and appropriate, to provide information in support of a significant, timely and successful replenishment outcome; (d) Work closely with the Co-Chairs, Executive Director and other relevant parties to determine the agenda and related work program for replenishment meetings; (e) Advise the Secretariat on preparations on the strategic directions for the Fund and positioning of GCF for the upcoming replenishment period. <p>Minimum Qualification Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Longstanding experience in leadership positions, including in international organizations; (b) Deep knowledge and proven experience with resource mobilization and replenishment processes of major multilateral concessional funds; (c) Proven diplomatic and negotiation skills; (d) Personal integrity and reputation as an honest broker; (e) Wide experience in chairing international conferences and inter-governmental meetings; (f) Reputation of being non-partisan with an ability to reach out to a broad spectrum of stakeholders; (g) Experience or demonstrated interest in climate change matters. | |

¹ Extracted from the Chair’s summary of the IOM